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Amendment after Issuance of Notice of Allowance

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Remarks

The Notice of Allowance mailed July 21, 2005, has been received and reviewed. Applicants also received a Supplemental Notice of Allowability, mailed September 1, 2005, which has been received and reviewed. In response thereto, claims 21 and 22 are canceled herewith, without prejudice. The pending allowed claims are thus claims 11 and 13-20.

Claims 21 and 22 were newly added by Applicant's amendment mailed May 10, 2005, which requested rejoinder of the withdrawn method claims. In an interview with the Examiner on July 13, 2005, Applicants agreed to cancel the method claims solely in order to allow the application to proceed directly to allowance. Thus, it appears that the Examiner's amendment made on July 21, 2005, should have canceled claims 21 and 22 as well as claims 2-7, 9 and 10.

Applicant's Representative Raymond N. Russell discussed these observations with the Primary Examiner, Carlos Azpuru, by telephone on September 1, 2005. The Examiner suggested that Applicants submit an amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 to cancel claims 21 and 22. Accordingly, claims 21 and 22 have been canceled by amendment herein, claims 1-10 and 12 were previously canceled, and the allowed claims are claims 11 and 13-20.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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